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OPENING WONDERFUL MINE ON BILL WILLIAMS FORK

The Cactus Queen Copper company has purchased several plants of machinery which will be soon installed on its big property near Bill Williams Fork. H. H. Barbee, president of the company and principal owner, was in Kingman yesterday and reports that he has secured all the necessary machinery and that it will soon be hauled from Wickenburg to the mines. The haulage from Wickenburg was made necessary on account of the lack of a small piece of road leading into the mines from Yucca. This piece of road is soon to be completed, we are informed.

The Cactus Queen mines embrace more than 3000 acres of mineralized ground and exploration of this vast acreage has shown that there is a possibility of opening up one of the greatest properties in the state. One shaft is down about 150 feet and a crosscut of 150 feet shows no walls. The ore in this development gives averages above 6 per cent copper and carries enough gold and silver to pay all haulage and smelting charges. Shafts and drifts are everywhere on the property and at no point has there been a failure to bring good ore to light. The camp lacks water for a big plant, but the creek is only four miles distant and water can be readily brought in. It is the opinion of the Miner editor that water can be secured by sinking at any point on the big copper property and with the installation of the new plants it will be but a very short time until the shaft is below the water level.

The company has purchased three hoists, one 150 horsepower boiler, compressors, and all kinds of machinery necessary to operate a property of the importance of the Cactus Queen. Two big trucks have also been purchased with which to haul the machinery to the mines and another one is in contemplation. The camp has been made comfortable for a large force of men and the work of exploration is being carried on at all points available. The new program is a comprehensive one and indicates the heavy financial backing of a large group of financiers.

FAMILY GOES TO COAST

C. J. Walters, cashier and manager of the Citizens bank in Kingman, departed with his family to the coast last Thursday, where they will spend several months. Mr. Walters will return shortly, but the family will remain.

DOWN FROM SKYLIGHT CITY

R. A. Morse, of Flagstaff, is in Kingman to take Mr. Walters' place in the Citizens bank during the absence of that gentleman on the coast. Mr. Morse has been with the bank for many years.

JOINS HUSBAND IN KINGMAN

Mrs. M. B. Dudley and son came in from the coast last Saturday and will remain indefinitely. Mr. Dudley is developing the Twins mines and is getting the property in such shape that he will be willing to make his home here for the balance of his days.

FRISCO RESUMES WORK; TO RUN DEEP LEVEL

Ray L. Dimmick has received notice to at once start up work on the deep level on the Frisco mines. The shaft and drifts have been kept free of water since the work was discontinued some months ago and now two shifts are to be put on to drive the new work as fast as possible. The work contemplates the extension of the drifts and the crosscutting of the big ore body. When work was discontinued it was thought that the ore body would shortly be reached.

Mr. Dimmick believes that a big ore body will be encountered in the property, but that a considerable amount of work will have to be done to disclose the ore. The Frisco is considered one of the big gold mines of the county and with the ore bodies opened at depth should be capable of an immense output. The surface ores in the old works have been exploited to a considerable extent and it is probable that these ores will be milled in conjunction with the ores from lower levels.

GOING OVERSEAS

Young Lane, who was assistant engineer under J. B. Wright, a few years ago, is on his way overseas, having just passed through Kingman. The young fellow is with the engineer corps.

GETTING THINGS SETTLED

W. B. Twitchell of Phoenix, was in Kingman yesterday after a trip to Chloride. He reports that financial matters of the Hidden Treasure company have been settled up and that within a short time work will be resumed on the mines. The Hidden Treasure has a good showing and we believe that with the conscientious management the company has been under it ought to bring forth a good producer.

BUTTS INTO BRIDGE

Last Tuesday morning C. N. Nickel drove off the highway grade near the concrete bridge at the town limits, the car striking head on to the wing of the bridge. George Claggett, who was riding in the car with Mr. Nickel, was thrown against the windshield and his head gashed above the eyes. Mr. Nickel was uninjured.

Mr. Nickel explained the manner of the accident by stating that he had placed a tag on a package in the body of the car and had turned around to get it, when his car swerved off the road. The car was badly damaged, but the men were extremely lucky in getting out with small injuries.

GOLD TRAILS CO. WILL INSTALL PLANT

The Gold Trails Mining company, owner of the old McKesson property, north of Little Meadows, is shaping up matters for the installation of a hoist and other machinery on its shaft. The shaft is now down more than 100 feet and this shaft will be continued to greater depth. Contracts for the sinking of the shaft will be let as soon as the new plant is in commission. D. A. McMillan will personally look after the installation of the hoist and other machinery.

The Old Trails shows bunches of exceptionally rich ore and it is the impression of mining men that below water level these lenses will become more pronounced.

REMODELING STORE

The Arizona Stores company is making many improvements in the interior of its store. Among the changes is the removal of the men's furnishings good department from the main store room into the room now occupied by hardware and other supplies. The hardware department and groceries will occupy the main building. The office will also be changed into the present hardware rooms and the whole main building will be devoted to hardware and grocery salesrooms. The change will be an excellent one and will give the company chance for the display of its wares and merchandise. In the new arrangement of affairs George Clayton will have charge of the men's furnishings department, and the old clerks will maintain their positions in the other departments.

MRS. WM. NEAGLE HAS MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

Mrs. William Neagle, children and governess had a miraculous escape from death when their car went off the grade and turned over twice on the Copper Giant road last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Neagle was driving her car up the grade and in passing another car or wagon drove too close to the edge of the road, the wheels slipping off the roadbed and the car turning over and over into the canyon, where it came to a stop right side up. The governess had a cut over one eye, but the children and Mrs. Neagle were only slightly bruised and scratched. Finding that nobody was badly hurt Mrs. Neagle walked to the home of Henry Bacon and sent in for a car to take the family home.

Mr. Donovan, who went to the aid of the wrecked party, after removing them to their home at the Copper Giant and then went back to the car and found that it had been injured very little by the escape. He cleared out a road onto the old grade and drove the car out of the canyon on its own power.

George Smalley and J. W. Dorris of the Federal Food Administration, returned to their homes in Phoenix today after attending to food affairs here for the past day or so.

CURSES U. S. GETS INTO COUNTY JAIL

Manuel N. Periera, supposed to be a Portuguese, is in jail as the result of butting into one of Uncle Sam's pronouncements.

The other day Periera entered the Gold Road store and asked for a loaf of bread. James Irvine, the clerk, asked for his bread card and the man muttered something and then swatted Irvine on the jaw. The blow failed to knock him down and the man swatted him again. Tom Patterson interfered but the enraged alien shook him off. Joe Onetto, who saw the assault, interfered and the fellow was arrested. Billy Mackie, deputy sheriff at Oatman, being called into the game. Periera is now in the county jail awaiting a hearing. From his condition it is to be inferred that he is insane.

FIRST CONFISCATION OF MACHINE

The first confiscation of an automobile under the recently enacted law was in the case of the state against George Mullarky, who was arrested a few weeks ago with a cargo of booze. Mullarky put a cash bond of \$750 and forfeited the bond. The cause was tried without him and he was found guilty and the car was ordered confiscated. The trial was had at Tucson, the crime having been committed in Pima county.

It is probable that the confiscation of cars used in the carrying of booze into the state will be contested in the Maricopa county courts on the theory that cars may be rented for a lawful purpose and be used for an unlawful purpose, wherefore an owner leasing his car would be taking chances all the time, as many men carry liquor of some sort on the road, and were any of these to be arrested the car would become the property of the state upon conviction of the party renting the car.

GRAND CANYON PROJECT MAY BE REALITY

J. B. Girard, who has spent several years working out the project for the building of a number of power dams in the Colorado river, above and below the mouth of Diamond Canyon, has just returned from the east, where he has been in conference with Secretary of the Interior Lane and a large number of big capitalists. He reports that Sec. Lane believes the building of these dams to be a war measure and insists on their immediate construction. From this we take it that work on the dam will be commenced within the next few months, as the Colorado river will be at low stage during August and up to late next winter. An occasional freshet will be encountered, but nothing to disturb the operations on the dams.

The construction of these dams would consume considerable time and employ a large number of men, but the benefit to be derived from the power generated would be of immense value in the building up of the north part of the state, as it would furnish electric power at small costs, especially as applied to motive power for the railroads and large enterprises.

CHLORIDE DRUGSTORE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Last evening, about 8 o'clock, the Chloride drugstore caught fire from an explosion in a box of toilet articles and before it could be brought under control the interior of the building was gutted. The explosion is believed to have been caused by the dropping of a lighted match or cigarette into the box containing the articles composed of celluloid.

Had it not been for the fact that the building was of cement block construction a large part of the town would have gone up in smoke, but the fire was confined to the one building. There was some insurance on the property, but we have not learned how much or the amount of the loss.

CATTLE THIEF CAUGHT BY DEP. IMUS

Jack Beach, wanted in New Mexico on a charge of cattle rustling, was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Charles Imus near the Windmill ranch Wednesday afternoon. Imus had seen a circular from the New Mexico officers offering a reward for Beach and thought he recognized him as a man who had gone through Hackberry a few weeks ago. Beach rode off to one side of the road and Imus drove on, but doubled back on the cow trail that he knew the men would take, and when they appeared he threw down his rifle on Beach and ordered "hands up." He brought his prisoner to Kingman and lodged him in the county jail and notified the New Mexico officers.

Nothing is known of the facts of the crime for which Beach is wanted other than that of rustling cattle. He has been living in the mountains at a place known as Mahone Spring.

RETURNS FROM VACATION

Judge Paul C. Thorne returned yesterday morning from the coast, where he spent a month's vacation with his family. He reports having had an enjoyable time and is satisfied to remain in Kingman until the next heated spell in 1919.

JOHN WILSON PERRY DIES AT SAN FRANCISCO

John Wilson Perry, father of J. E. Perry, died at his home in San Francisco last Thursday afternoon. Mr. Perry received the wire yesterday, too late to attend the funeral, which will be held today. Deceased was aged about 72 years and leaves a wife and four sons to mourn his loss. Many of the old timers will remember Mr. Perry and all those who knew him best will learn of his death with sincere regret.

WILL SOON BE OVERSEAS

A forerunner of Howard Smith came in from Camp Kearney this week in the shape of his "soldier" hat and other things that no self-respecting Sammie would take overseas with him, wherefore we strongly suspect that another Smith will soon be fighting in France; 400,000 men of Uncle Sam's new army are expected on the other side of the big pond during the month of July, and we hope that several millions additional will soon be there, so that Kaiser Bill will be put out of commission good and plenty.

RETURNS FROM COAST

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Dundon returned last Wednesday evening from the coast, where they had been the past month. They contemplate returning to the Frisco mine, where Mr. Dundon will operate a shift on a hoister.

STEPHENS CONVICTED FIRST DEGREE MURDER

"Bud" Stephens, who killed a man named Miller at Prescott about a month ago, was tried before the superior court of that county and a jury and was convicted of murder in the first degree. The testimony showed that the killing was wanton murder. Young Stephens was in the draft and the father tried to keep him from going to the front. The mother of the young man swore that Miller had tried to get her to elope with him and the defense set up the "unwritten law." But the state proved conclusively that the mother and Miller were nothing to each other and that the son had done more to assail her good name than had Miller.

The trial of Stephens, Sr., will come before the same court sometime next month. From the showing made in the young man's case it is quite probable that the old man will also be convicted. The people of Prescott were so worked up over the case that it was almost impossible to get a jury to try the men.

RED CROSS BENEFIT BASEBALL GAME

Tomorrow afternoon the local ball team will again try conclusions with the Indian boys in a ball game on the local diamond. The receipts will go to the Red Cross and everybody should go out and help out the good cause. The boys are sure to give every body the worth of their money.

MEXICAN DESPERADO KILLED BY FRANK DICKERSON

Porfirio Hernandez, the Mexican who shot and killed ex-Sheriff James Lowery at Verde last week, was shot to death at Rattlesnake Tanks last week Friday. Dickerson had run across the man and from the description sent out by the Yavapai county officers believed that he was the Lowery murderer. The man told Dickerson that he had lost a bunch of sheep and was directed to the camp of Campbell and Francis. After the man had gone Dickerson concluded that he was the one wanted and drove a bunch of cattle through the hills until he had headed the man off. The man talked with him again and wanted to buy a horse. Dickerson rode up close and to distract the fellow's attention pointed behind him and asked if he did not think there was a wolf in the distance. The man turned around and Dickerson sprang from his horse and covered him with his gun. He ordered hands up, but the Mexican refused and Dickerson fired, the bullet striking him in the breast. The Mexican began firing and fired four shots at Dickerson, but his aim was bad and none of the bullets reached their mark. Dickerson continued to shoot until the man sank to the ground and did not fire any more. The five bullets hit the man in a circle close to the heart. Dickerson went to Camp Verde and notified the officers. The body was taken there and allowed to remain in the street for identification. He was fully identified as the murderer of Lowery. The shooting took place 33 miles north of Verde, where Lowery was killed.

MAY OVERSEE METALS PRODUCTION

The government has concluded to look after the production of all the metals and also the sale. This will be of great importance to the producers, as it would stabilize the price. While no price has yet been set on lead under the new order of things the government would set the price and all sales would be at that rate. Every metal useful to the government would be priced by the commission and no sales would be made to individuals until the government wants are supplied. The stabilizing of prices is a necessity, as it would stabilize labor conditions, wage and things necessary to mining. At the present time wages are fixed for the copper miners, and, perforce, all other miners must be paid the same scale. The government made the wage scale for miners on a 26 cent basis and only allowed 23½ cents. Now the wage scale is on a 30-cent copper price and the rate is 26 cents. Zinc, lead and gold and silver mines have to meet this condition without the consequent benefit. With the handling of the products and the fixation of the price the producers would be amply protected, as well as would the miners and workers in all these industries.

SPLENDID ORE IN RICO; CROSSCUT OPENS RICH VEIN

At a depth of 140 feet the Rico Consolidated Mining company this week entered the vein which had passed out of the shaft on its dip about 40 feet above. The vein at this point was found to be 4½ feet wide, 2½ feet of which gave average assay results of \$91.65 in gold and silver. The balance of the vein ran better than \$200. A five inch streak lying alongside the vein gave assay of over 800 ounces silver to the ton. This was not reckoned in with the average. At the 100 level the average of an 18-inch vein of ore was \$80, which would indicate that the values are increasing with depth. The new ore is out of the oxidized zone and would appear to be what may be termed the permanent ore body.

The company is now being financed, a goodly treasury having already been provided for. The company is shaping matters up to continue the shaft to the 200 level, where a station will be cut and the vein exploited at that depth. The men in charge of operations believe they have one of the best properties in the Cerbat mountains, the Rico being the northwesterly extension of the C. O. D. mine, which has been one of the big producers of the district. The vein can readily be traced through the property and into the extensions near the summit of the range. The hoist and other machinery was but recently placed on the mine and has been working nicely. Other machinery is to be put in and everything possible done to produce results in the least possible time.

YOUNG ELLINWOOD ALIVE IN LIMBURG, GERMANY

A telegram has been received by the Red Cross advising that young Ralph Ellinwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Ellinwood, was a prisoner in Limburg, Germany, and was well. Young Ellinwood was captured in the rush of the Germans more than a month ago and it was feared for some time that he had been killed. Mr. and Mrs. Ellinwood are well known in Kingman and their friends here hope that the young man will be returned to them soon.

MERCHANTS ASS'N. ORGANIZED BY SMALLY

George H. Smally, who has been secretary of the Arizona State Food administration, and J. W. Dorris, one of those dollar-a-year men, arrived in town last evening and today at 10 o'clock met with the business men of the town for the purpose of organizing them into an association for their own protection and the protection of the government in the matter of food conservation. The following men have lined up in the new organization: Central Commercial company, J. M. Gates, J. H. Ware, I. M. George, Lear Staten, F. E. Boyd, A. Gardner, R. A. Brundage, Arizona Stores company, L. W. Quinlan, Walter Fair, H. H. Stowe, Bill Yee, See Wo, J. H. Smith, Mohave County Miner, R. H. Morey.

Hackberry—L. W. Kayser. Sandy—W. B. Stephens. Yucca—Louis Jane. Chloride—George A. Bonelli. Oatman—W. L. Conger. Signal—G. Levy. The executive committee is composed of I. M. George, chairman, J. M. Gates and L. W. Quinlan.

The general committee is presided over by J. H. Rosenberg, with Levi Anderson as secretary.

The committee will meet again next Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Everyone who has the interest of the government at heart is requested to be present and to learn from the members the reason why the people must conserve flour and sugar. When the necessity for conservation is fully known we feel sure that the people will work with the stores to lessen their burden and to aid in maintaining the equilibrium of foodstuffs.

Mr. Smally made a talk to those present, indicating the losses that have been sustained in foodstuffs and sugar and the great necessity for the observance of the flour and sugar orders of the food administrator.

Mr. Dorris has disposed of his business in Phoenix and is now working for the government for the princely salary of one dollar per year. His work is of great importance and his loyalty to the government is to be commended.